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ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED AS REQUESTED
REFTELS A AND B.

IN THE WAKE OF THE NATO SUMMIT AND DPC MINISTERIAL
MEETINGS, WE ARE CONSIDERING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE
U. S. INITIATIVES FOR STUDY ON EAST-WEST RELATIONSHIP
AND DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS AS THEY MIGHT IMPACT ON THE
NATO HEADQUARTERS BUDGET.

IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ANTICIPATE A LIKELY REQUIREMENT
FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO CARRY FORWARD PARTICULARLY
THE U. S. PROPOSALS IN THE DEFENSE SPHERE.
WE ARE NOT ABLE AT PRESENT TO PROVIDE A FIRM ESTIMATE
OF LIKELY ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS,
BUT WILL PROVIDE NEXT WEEK OUR BEST ESTIMATES.

2. NATO CIVILIAN HEADQUARTERS - NO PROGRAM GROWTH
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CONCEPT.
ITEMIZATION OF ESTIMATE FY 1979

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS:

A. CASH CONTRIBUTIONS 11,958,612
B. MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS

(MBFR) 175,000
 C. DIRECT COSTS OF U. S. NATIONALS 1,500,000
 TOTAL \$13,633,612
 COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATE FOR CY1979 (FY1979)

ASSESSMENT BUDGET IN BELGIAN FRANCS 2,147,790,000
 U. S. PERCENTAGE SHARE
 U. S. ASSESSMENT - BELGIAN FRANCS 519,765,180
 EXCHANGE RATE BF39.5 TO US\$1
 U. S. ASSESSMENT IN DOLLARS \$13,158,612
 CREDITS: US NATIONALS LOANED TO NATO 1,200,000
 TOTAL U. S. CASH CONTRIBUTIONS \$11,958,612
 3. MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS (MBFR)
 OBLIGATIONS 1979: \$175,000 INCREASE -0-

THE UNITED STATES SHARE OF THE COSTS OF THE VIENNA FACILITY IS 20 PER CENT. THE ESTIMATE FOR 1979 IS THE SAME AS FOR 1978, BUT WILL COVER ANY WAGE OR PRICE INCREASES, SINCE THE 1977 COSTS ARE NOW LESS THAN ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED.

4. DIRECT COST OF U. S. NATIONALS LOANED TO NATO
 OBLIGATIONS 1979: \$1,500,000

5. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATE ESTIMATE CY1978

ASSESSMENT BUDGET IN BELGIAN FRANCS 37,000,000
 U. S. PERCENTAGE SHARE
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U. S. ASSESSMENT - BELGIAN FRANCS 8,954,000
 EXCHANGE RATE BF39.5 TO US\$1
 U. S. CONTRIBUTION IN DOLLARS \$226,683
 THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY BUDGET FOR 1979 HAS NOT BEEN ESTIMATED, HAVING JUST COMPLETED WORK ON THE 1978 ESTIMATE. AS SOON AS THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, WE WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT.
 6. THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. MORE THAN A MILITARY ALLIANCE FORMED TO PREVENT AGGRESSION, IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR CONTINUING JOINT ACTION IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL FIELDS. PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBED THE ALLIANCE AS "THE HEART OF OUR OWN FOREIGN POLICY," AND PLEDGED THE UNITED STATES TO STRENGTHEN IT IN EVERY WAY -- POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND MILITARILY. THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROVIDED BY THE ALLIANCE HAS BEEN A STABILIZING FACTOR IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE ALLIES TO PURSUE POLICIES AIMED TOWARD COOPERATION RATHER THAN

CONFRONTATION WITH THE WARSAW PACT.

THE FOLLOWING MAJOR ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE DURING
FISCAL YEAR 1979:

A. CONSULTATION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL,
INCLUDING BOTH MINISTERIAL AND POSSIBLY SUMMIT-LEVEL
MEETINGS. CONSULTATION WILL ALSO CONTINUE IN THE
DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP
AND IN OTHER ALLIANCE FORA FOR POLITICAL AND MILITARY
DISCUSSION AND COORDINATION.

B. CONSULTATIONS ON A RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING THE

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ALLIANCE, INCLUDING THE SPECIAL ALLIANCE REVIEW OF
EAST-WEST RELATIONS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER,
REGULAR CONSULTATIONS ON MBFR AND SALT, AND COORDINATION
OF ALLIED ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE BELGRADE
CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

C. INTENSIFIED CONSULTATION IN THE COUNCIL AND THE
DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON MAINTAINING AND
IMPROVING ALLIED CONVENTIONAL FORCES; MAKING BETTER
USE OF LIMITED ALLIED RESOURCES; DEVELOPING
A LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM FOR THE 1980'S;
DEVELOPING BETTER MECHANISMS FOR SETTING OVERALL ALLIED
DEFENSE GOALS AND CARRYING OUT JOINT PROGRAMS;
FURTHERING ALLIED COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT PRODUCTION
AND PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT; ELIMINATING
WASTE AND DUPLICATION IN NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS; AND
PROMOTING INCREASED STANDARDIZATION AND
INTEROPERABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.

D. COLLABORATION AMONG WESTERN PARLIAMENTARIANS,
ENDORSED BY ALL THE ALLIES IN THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION.

E. CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF
MODERN SOCIETY BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AMONG
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THE ALLIES IN THE FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND
TRANSPORTATION.

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTINUING ACTIVITIES ARE THE RAPID
EXCHANGE AMONG THE ALLIES OF INTELLIGENCE DATA, THE
IMPORTANT WORK OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
COMMITTEES, AND THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE (WITH ITS ACTIVE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM), AS WELL AS THE NATO INFORMATION
SERVICE WHICH PROVIDES A STEADY FLOW OF INFORMATION
ON ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES.BENNETT

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